the contract. Clause 1.2 of the Technical Specifications and Special Applications and Schedule C of the Bill of Quantities specify the period of completion of five phases of the work varying from 12 months to 32 months. The contractor did not complete any of the 5 phases on time. The work on these phases was delayed by 8 months, 8 months, 17 months, 16 months and 9 months, respectively. Thus, provisions of Clause 1.2 were violated by the contractor.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Rural telecommunications exchanges in Orissa

911. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of areas of Orissa where rural telecommunication exchanges are likely to be set up under Technology Mission during 1989-90;

(b) what is the number of telephones likely to be installed under the above scheme; and

(c) the specific rural area in Orissa together with population likely to be benefited under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) A Year 1989-90 is over. A statement of achievement for 1989-90 is laid on the table of the House. *(See below).*

Statement

(a) 38 New telephone exchanges have been opened and 21 old telephone exchanges have been replaced by 128-P C-DOT|64-P MILT Electronic exchanges during 1989-90.

(b) 1224 Telephones have been installed.

(c) The total population benefited by the above development is about 1.24 lakh covered by the areas of the following telephone exchanges:—

Name of New Exchanges

1. Arhapal
2. Chandaneshwar
3. Nagram
4. Remuna
5. Ranipal
6. Salebhata
7. Biyalishmouza
8. Balitutha
9. Daitary
10. Gazyndrap
11. Gopalpur
12. Kishornagar
13. Krishnanandapur
14. Rajnagar
15. Bantala
16. Kanradahad
17. Khamar
18. Adva
19. Chirikipadasasan
20. Sihala
21. Byltungri
22. Komna
23. Batta
24. Kynduguda
25. Kujyndri
26. Nandapur
27. Ramanaguda
28. Sikrpui
29. Ketagarh
30. Gop
31. Kaktpur
32. Myndhasal
33. Boipur
34. Manyaswar
35. Mandosil
36. Balisankara
37. Kinjrikyla
38. Jaraikyla

Replacement

1. Tirtol
2. Dharamgarh
3. Muniguda
4. Bytnoti
5. Tomando
6. Chandaka
7. Kansabahal
8. Tihidi
9. Niali
10. Tangi
11. Kusupur
12. Govindapur
13. Hindol
14. Champua
15. Tyruvally
16. Kotpad
17. Borigumma
18. Bissamcuttack
19. Joshipur
20. Chandanpur
21. Sargipalli

Waiting list for telephones in the cities of Hyderabad, Madras, Patna and Lucknow

912. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest waiting list for telephones in the cities of Hyderabad, Madras, Patna and Lucknow as on 31st December, 1989; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Waiting list as on 31st December, 1989 is as under:

Hyderabad—48721
Madras—58869
Patna—6910
Lucknow—8594.

(b) The eighth five year plan proposals have been formulated with a view to contain the waiting period by the end of the plan to an average of one year for exchanges with more than 5000 lines. Accordingly in the cities of Hyderabad, Madras, Patna and Lucknow, the present waiting list will be cleared progressively during Eighth Five Year Plan subject to the availability of resources and approval of plan.

Insurgency in N.E. Region

913. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what specific efforts are being made to resolve the problem of insurgency in Manipur, Assam and other States of the North East region; and

(b) the details of incidents of insurgency in each of these States during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): The efforts made/being made are given below:

(a) The whole of Manipur has been declared as disturbed area under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 by the State Government and a 5 km. belt along the Myanmar (Burma) border in Nagaland, Tirap and Changlang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh has been declared as disturbed area by the Central Government with a view to enabling army to undertake counter—insurgency operations there. Some areas on Assam-Nagaland border have also been declared as disturbed by the Government of Assam. Meitei extremist organisations namely, Peoples Liberation Army, Peoples Revolutionary Party of Kangleipak, Kangleipak Communist Party and United National Liberation